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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 12-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL OP No. 32989 of 2026

Imthiyaz Sheriff,
S/o.Muneer Ahamed,
Residing at No.16, 3rd Street,
Thasamakkaan, Otteri, Chennai-600 012.
Now confined at Central Prison, Puzhal. ...Petitioner/Accused

Vs

The State represented by
The Inspector of Police,
G-5 Secretariat Colony Police Station,
Chennai-600 005. ...Respondent/Complainant
(Crime No.626 of 2026)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in connection with G-5 Secretariat Colony Police Station Crime No.626 of 2026.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.TVG.Kartheeban

For Respondent(s): Mr.Durai Gunasekaran,
Govt.Advocate (Crl.Side)

O R D E R

The Petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 02.10.2026 for the alleged offence under Sections 126(2), 296(b), 115(2) and 74 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Section 67 of the Information Technology Act, 2000, in Crime No.626 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner had been in a relationship with the de-facto complainant, a 19-year-old student, and had allegedly abused and assaulted her following a dispute arising out of their relationship. It is further alleged that the petitioner recorded their video calls and circulated the same through WhatsApp groups with the intention of intimidating and humiliating her. Hence, the present case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 02.10.2026. He also further submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prays for grant of bail to the Petitioner.

4. Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the Respondent Police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the petitioner had been in a relationship with the de-facto complainan, a 19-year-old student, and that, owing to a dispute arising out of their relationships, the petitioner had allegedly abused and assaulted her. He would further submit that the petitioner had recorded their video calls and circulated the same in WhatsApp groups, thereby intimidating and humiliating the de-facto complainant. He further submitted that the petitioner's mobile

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phone has already been seized and forwarded to the Cyber Crime Wing for further examination. He would contend that the circulation of such objectionable material causes lasting harm to young women and that such acts have serious consequences. Hence, he would submit that stringent conditions are necessary to prevent the petitioner from indulging in similar activities and to protec tthe de-facto complainant. Hence, he opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner.

5. I have given my anxious consideration to either side submissions and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the nature of the allegations amd the period of incarceration already undergone by the petitioner , this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on him executing a bond for a sum of **Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only)** with **two sureties each**, for a like sum to the satisfaction of the **learned II Metropolitan Magistrate, Egmore at Chennai,** and on further conditions that:

[a] the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the Application for Surety ship [Judicial Form No.46 annexed to 'The Criminal Rules of

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Practice, 2019']. The learned Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of the identity proofs to ensure their identity;

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police twice daily at 10.30 a.m., and 5.30p.m., for a period of 30 days and thereafter as and when required for interrogation;

[c]the petitioner shall file an affidavit of undertaking before the learned Magistrate, undertaking that he shall not indulge in or engage in any activity that would disturb, threaten, intimidate or otherwise cause harm to the de-facto complainant. In the event of any complaint being received against the petitioner alleging any such at intended to threaten, intimidate or influence the de-facto complainant, the bail granted to the petitioner herein shall stand automatically cancelled;

[d] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

[e] the petitioner shall not tamper with the evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

[f] On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to pass appropriate orders against the petitioner in acc with law as if the aforementioned conditions have been imposed and the petitioner released on bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court himself as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **P.K.Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005)13 SCC 283];**

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[g] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of B.N.S.

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To

1.The II Metropolitan Magistrate, Egmore at Chennai.

2.The Inspector of Police,
G-5 Secretariat Colony Police Station,
Chennai-600 005.

3.The Superintendent,
Central Jail, Puzhal.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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